

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ridgley House

2. Location

street & number Ridgley Hill not for publicationcity, town Grantsville vicinity of congressional district state Maryland county Garrett

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bakerstreet & number Ridgley Hill telephone no.: city, town Grantsville Maryland state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse liber street & number Third Street and Alder Street folio city, town Oakland state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county local depository for survey records city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. G-II-C-021

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ridgley House is located on the northeast slope of Ridgley Hill one-half mile west of Maryland Route 495, approximately 1¼ mile north of Jennings and 2 3/4 miles southwest of Grantsville. Ridgley Hill is a high knoll on the north-south ridge that forms the western ridge of the Casselman River Valley. The house is surrounded by hay meadows. In addition to the main house, the complex includes a frame bank barn to the southeast; several frame outbuildings to the northeast and northwest, and a cemetery to the east.

The Ridgley House is oriented on a north-south axis with the principal facade facing east. The house is of stone construction, two stories high and five bays across the front facade. Flush stone chimneys are centered on either end of the pitched gable roof.

The principal entrance with transom is centered on the east facade, flanked by two 2/2 windows on each side; five 2/2 windows are ranged across the second story. These late 19th century 2/2 sash replace original 9/6 sash that still survives on the second story of the rear facade.

The front door has two long vertical panels and retains an original lock; the window openings are framed with a narrow rolled molding. The eaves are boxed in and trimmed with a crownmold; the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The stonework is randomly laid rubble stone and is more carefully laid with regular stones on the front facade. A quoining effect is accomplished on the corners with larger, more carefully worked stones. The window lintels on the front facade are formed of keystones flanked by rectangular stone blocks. A later one story shed roof porch extends the full length of the east facade.

Paired attic windows flanking the chimneys are the only openings on the north and south gable walls.

The rear facade utilizes a three bay fenestration, in contrast to the five bay fenestration of the front facade. The first floor door is offset slightly to left of center and is flanked by a single window opening on either side. The north window is fitted with replaced 2/2 sash, the south opening is boarded up. Three 9/6 windows are ranged across the second story. The center window is downset over the interior stair. The stonework on the rear facade is more roughly laid except at the corners, where large dressed stones are utilized to insure structural stability. The eaves and roof are similar to the front facade.

The floor plan consists of a central stair hall with a room to either side. Original mantels survive in both parlors and in at least one second-floor bedroom. The second-floor mantel, which includes a cyma recta molding, may have been re-used from an earlier building. The south parlor mantel on

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates early 19th century **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although the present owners feel Ridgley House to be much older than the earliest deed in their possession (1817), the house would appear to be about the same date as the Tomlinson Inn (G-6) east of Grantsville, i.e. the second decade of the 19th century. The 1817 date for the house is supported by the Federal style fenestration, proportions, and end chimneys. Solidly built, Ridgley House would have been one of the finer houses in the Grantsville area and is certainly equal to some of the taverns of the same period along the National Pike. Somewhat sophisticated for a back country farm house, Ridgley is one of the more important early houses in Garrett County.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Architectural Description: Merry Stinson, 1982
	Historical Significance: William Morgan, 1970

organization Maryland Historical Trust date _____

street & number 21 State Circle telephone

city or town Annapolis state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

the first floor features molded pilasters. The north parlor mantel includes panels with cut-out corners.

Second floor doors are fitted with handsome thumb-latches with finely-cut escutcheons.

The stair continues to the attic, which is divided into two plastered rooms. The beaded batten interior doors are constructed with beaded tapered battens and are painted red.

The roof is constructed of half-pole common rafters that are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge.

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Ridgley House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Ridgley Hill			
CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: Garrett	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Mr. Mrs. Norman Baker			
STREET AND NUMBER: Ridgley Hill			
CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville	STATE: Maryland	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 370			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ridgley House is a symmetrically fenestrated, 2 storey plus attic, fieldstone house built on Ridgley Mountain and commanding a superb view of the valley toward Casselman and Grantsville. Basically a Federal style house in proportions, the house has two end chimneys, five bays across the front with a central doorway, but the rear has a central window placed between the second and third floors (a staircase window) and two windows on each floor flanking this larger central window. There are two small windows on the end walls at attic level, one on either side of the chimney. Some attempt at quoining on the corners was made during construction.

The Ridgley Cemetery, a small, walled family burial ground lies to the north-east of the house.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

early 19th century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐architectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Although the present owners feel Ridgley House to be much older than the earliest deed in their possession (1817), the house would appear to be about the same date as the Tomlinson Inn (G-6) east of Grantsville, i.e. the second decade of the 19th century. The 1817 date is supported by the house's Federal style fenestration, proportions, and end chimneys. Solidly built, Ridgley House would have been one of the finer houses in the Grantsville area and is certainly equal to some of the taverns of the same period along the National Pike. Somewhat sophisticated for a back country farm house, Ridgley is one of the more important early houses in Garrett County.

Stabilization and minor restoration (roofing, mullions replaced in now 2/2 windows, etc.) would go a long way to developing this house's potential.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Norman Baker [has early deeds]

Dr. Alta Schrock

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan		
ORGANIZATION Department of Art History	DATE June 6, 1970	
STREET AND NUMBER: University of Delaware		
CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE Delaware	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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1. NAME	
COMMON:	Ridgely House SP
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
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CITY OR TOWN:			
CASSELMAN	GRANTSVILLE		
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
MD.		GARRETT	

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME:			
M. R. MRS. NORMAN BAKER			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
RIDGELEY			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
GRANTSVILLE	MD.	21536	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ridgely House is a fire bay, 2 story plus attic (symmetrically arranged) fieldstone house built on Ridgely mtn and commanding a superb view of valley toward Casselman + Grantsville. Basically a Federal style house in proportions, etc. The house has 2 end chimneys (within the wall), 5 bays across the front w/ central doorway, but the rear side has a central window placed ~~but~~ between 2nd & 3rd story (a staircase window). There are 2 ~~small~~ ~~wood~~ windows at attic level - one on either side of chimney. There is a later wood porch across the front. Some attempt at girding in the corners has been made.

Box corner front trear

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

1st deed ^{is dated} 1817. The Ridgely House would appear about same date as Tomlinson house, although owner feel house is much older. However, window proportions, end chimneys, fenestration, etc. appear to be of the Federal period. Solidly built, Ridgely would have been one of finer houses in Grantsville area + is certainly equal to some of the houses along the National Pike. Somewhat sophisticated for a back country farm house Ridgely is one of better early houses in Garrett. ~~Minor~~ Stabilization + minor restoration (roofing, mullions back in windows now $\frac{2}{2}$) is all that is needed. potential

There is a stone walled graveyard down the hill.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

W. MORGAN

ORGANIZATION

MHT

DATE

June 6 1980

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

CODE

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Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Ridgley House

Garrett Co.

M. Stinson

Facade: E elev.



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RIDGELY HOUSE

Merry Stinson 7/1982



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Ridgley House

Garrett Co.

M. Stinson

Facade: E elev.



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RIDGELY HOUSE

1982- Merry Stinson



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Ridgley House

Garrett Co.

M. Stinson

Rear: W elev. .

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